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41, JOHN DALTON STREET,

Manchester, 11th May 1864

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Wm Lloyd Garrison
Esq
My Dear Sir,

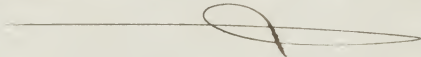
I learn
from our mutual
friend, Mr Thompson,
that you arrive in
London today from
Paris; and that you
intend to visit
Manchester on your
way to Scotland,
in the course of a
few weeks.
I write at once

kind approval.

You must not
think me assuming,
but I feel that
time was precious,
and that some one
must make the
preliminary inquiry
as soon as I hear
from you, a Committee
of gentlemen and
ladies will be
formed and convened
to carry out what
may be deemed the
most expedient and
appropriate.

I write in haste,
but believe me
Ever your devoted
friend and admirer

Thos. H. Barker



Thos. H. Barker
June 15, 1863

As you that I know
that there are
many hearts here
that beat warmly
towards you for
the great work you
have done for God &
humanity. And
some of us have not
forgot your previous
visit, some 20 years
ago, and the noble
testimony you ^{then}
bore in the cause
of Freedom, and in
behalf of a down trod
and despised race,
that has since then,
thanks to your
voice and Abraham
Lincoln's pen, leapt
into Liberty and
citizenship!

You do not remember
giving me your
autograph on the
hallway of the old
Free Trade Hall! But
I have carefully
preserved the precious
writing, as a sacred
memento, with
others from Henry C
Wright, Frederick
Douglass and George
Thompson, given
on the same occasion.
What hath God
wrought! - since
that meeting!
But I must not
bother you with
these remarks.
I write to say
that you must
not think of passing

through Mass - without
giving you friends
some opportunity of
greeting you by the
hundreds presenting
an address of Welcome
and bidding you God-
speed on your
journey.

I think that either
a "Breakfast" or ~~or~~ a
"Select Society" will
perhaps be more
pleasant than a
great Public Meeting
at this season of
the year.

I will confer with
a few judicious friends
and when we know
what time you can
be here, we will
issue invitations and
perhaps to give you a
cordial welcome.

If you are already
 in communication
 with friends here and
 have entered into
 engagements, I shall
 of course gladly
 cooperate with
 them so as to carry
 out your wishes
 to the fullest possible
 extent. But as
 there is ^{now} no anti-
 slavery organization,
 I feel at liberty
 to write you to
 ascertain when
 you can be here,
 and to offer my
 best services to
 facilitate any
 arrangements that
 may meet your